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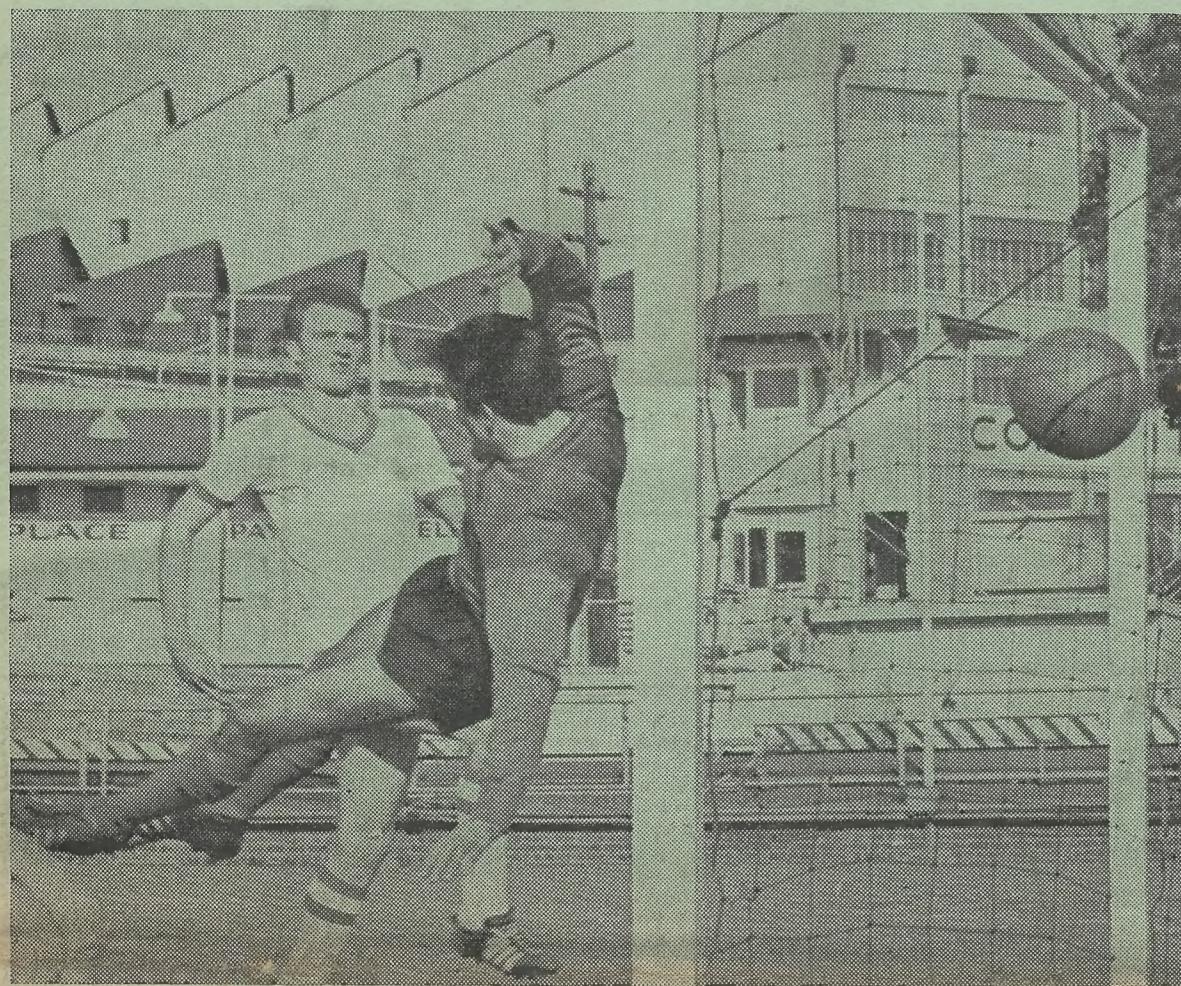
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One of Hakoah's two goals against Prague in last Sunday's "Consolation" Cup final. Zeman and King are well beaten as the ball hits the back of the net.

PARTING SHOTS OF M.C. SMACK OF POLITICKING

— By PAUL DEAN —

The way Agatha Christie wrote it was perhaps better but this certainly looks more comical...

Very reminiscent of her famous story about the "Ten Little Nigger Boys", the NSW management committee is melting away.

Last week, with the resignations of Gerry Beelarts, and then Dr. Bauer, only John Thomson, Trevis Birch, Tom Grimson and Alan Woods remained.

And if you consider the fact that Tom Grimson has accepted a nomination by a meeting of First and Second Division clubs for a seat on the newly created Executive Administrative Committee, you would be close to the truth in saying that at present we have three-and-a-half MC members.

At going to press, anyway.

Gone, from the originally elected nine-strong MC, are Frank Parsons, Jim Bayutti, Arthur George and now Gerry Beelarts and Dr. Bauer.

The others, for one reason or another, have so far stayed put.

To cap off what must be regarded as the most sterile, passive and unproductive two years any MC has ever had, last week they decided to put to the NSW Council a motion which would force the abolition of "nationalistic" club names for 1968. . . .

As the motion proposer, John Thomson was quoted:

"Nationalistic"

"The Federation can no longer afford to cater for a diminishing number of patrons supporting nationally named clubs."

"Those clubs attracted smaller crowds as their nationalistic following fell away over the past three years."

It is an undeniable fact that "nationalistic" clubs did suffer very considerable losses in their support.

Nobody knows this better than us who recently published a detailed survey on this problem.

However, by proposing this drastic, impatient and intemperate measure, John Thomson didn't quite hit the nail on the head — he merely smashed his own fingers.

He and some of his remaining MC colleagues perhaps don't know — or don't wish to know — that it's not just the "nationalistic" clubs that have suffered this setback.

They should be acutely aware of the fact that South Coast and Cumberland, two of our remaining major district clubs, have suffered even greater losses.

And John Thomson should also remember the fate of his own former district club, Gladysville, which died through lack of support despite the fact that they were the only ones to own their own ground, in their own district...

Demagoguery

We are not advocating the retention for ever of nationalistic names; over the years we have pointed out on numerous occasions that the only intelligent and honest way of doing away with them can be through peaceful transition, slowly and carefully — something like St. George-Budapest is doing.

The current move — absolutely certain to be defeated at the Council — smacks of cheap demagoguery.

What does it mean that the Federation can no longer afford to cater for these clubs?

Phoney issue

Did they "cater" for them in the past because they could afford it?

Isn't it closer to the truth that the Federation owes its birth and existence to a great degree to these clubs?

And isn't it just remotely possible that by introducing this phoney issue, the MC hoped to convey the impression to the public at large that this — and this chiefly — is the bugbear of our soccer?

Let's not try to cloud other, more important issues once again with such pathetically obvious smokescreens.

Surely the MC could find other, more urgent matters to deal with, even at this stage when their days are clearly numbered.

Or did they merely try to illustrate, in a most convincing fashion, that whatever has happened and will happen to them as a body was thoroughly justified and warranted?

N.S.W. SIDES FAVORED IN SIXTH AUST. CUP

The sixth Australia Cup, beginning with the first round clashes this week, should be a splendid finale to the season.

Judging on current strengths, the Sydney teams — especially APIA and St. George-Budapest — must start favorites to win the trophy.

Only a few days after meeting their nemesis in the Sydney Grand Final, APIA went to Melbourne and completely outclassed Juventus, to the tune of 7-2.

And if you recall that Juventus are the second strongest team in Melbourne, Sydney fans can be justifiably optimistic about this year's Australia Cup.

Tradition in soccer often goes a long way to pre-destine events and results — and according to tradition, St. George may be the top favorites for the title.

In the past five years, no team has managed to win the Cup twice, the winners since 1962 being Yugal, Slavia, George Cross, Hakoah (Sydney) and APIA.

APIA, without Campana (after cartilage operation) and Van Blerk (suspension) will be severely handicapped; the minor dissension within the team, which possibly contributed to their Grand Final defeat, is still unsolved.

St. George-Budapest have become a splendidly compact, efficient and often brilliant unit ideally suited for cup soccer.

Unless they suffer a re-lapse, they should reach the semi-finals, if not the very final.

The Melbourne entries, especially Juventus and Melbourne-HSC, will present formidable opposition.

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Aust. Cup dates

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Melbourne HSC v. Launceston Utd. (Tas.) — Olympic Park, Melbourne, 3 p.m. — Referee: M. O'Malley (SA)
WA Hellas (SA) v. Croatia (Vic.) — Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 3 p.m. — Referee: E. Bude (WA).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Juventus (Vic) v. JUST (Vic) — Olympic Park, Melbourne, 3 p.m. — Referee: A. Boskovic (NSW).
APIA (NSW) v. Juventus (ACT) — Wentworth Park, Sydney, 1.15 p.m. — Referee: G. Muir (N. NSW).
St. George (NSW) v. Pan Hellenic (NSW) — Wentworth Park, 3 p.m. — Referee: D. Maitland (Vic.).
Lake Macquarie v. Croatia (NSW) — Newcastle, 3 p.m. — Referee: V. Dobinson (Qld.).
Latrobe (Qld.) v. Newcastle Austral — Brisbane Exhibition Ground, 3 p.m. — Referee: K. Lockrey (NSW).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Juventus (SA) v. Azzurri (WA) — Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 p.m. — Referee: R. Lamb (Vic.).

**PRESIDENT HAS
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Read it on page 2.

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READER CONTEST

SECTION 13.

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Juventus Melbourne v. JUST

APIA v. Juventus Canberra

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● Closing date for Section 13: 3 p.m., Saturday, October 7.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The Australian National team will not play in Thailand during next month's Asian tour. The Aussies may play an extra match in South Vietnam, at the completion of the Saigon Tournament, and one more game in Malaysia, probably at Ipoh, where in 1965 Australia defeated Malaysia 1-0 and 3-0 on successive days.

"Rags to riches" is the story in Brisbane, where "RAGS" TATTERS, the Queensland coach took Hollandia-Inala into the local Grand Final. Hollandia were demoted to Second Division in 1965 but gained promotion last year. Coach of the Hellenic club, the other Grand Finalist, was Gordon "Bunny" Nunn, certainly one of Australia's finest centre-forwards in pre-Federation days. Incidentally, the match was drawn, and had to be replayed.

APIA and St. George played a light-hearted 5-5 draw in an exhibition match at Bathurst last Monday. Both teams were depleted. Saints played without Hillary, Warren, Morgan and Schaefer, and APIA were without Campana, Watkiss, Giacometti and Campbell. Saints' scorers were McCue (2), Sokoloff (!), Taylor and Piggott; APIA's, Blue (2), Kerklaan, Rivero and McKinnon. St. George coach, Laurie Hegyes, made a brief one-minute appearance and suffered an ankle injury.

NORM MARTIN is likely to succeed Andrew Vass as the new Canterbury secretary.

DRUMMOYNE Council has called for tenders for the use of Drummoyn Oval next winter. Applications close on December 1, 1967, for lease of the oval from April 1 until August 31, 1968.

The players who contributed to BELMORE's success in both first and second grade of the Amateur Second Division this year are G. Brian, W. McMullan, R. Hawthorne, K. Lotty, R. Abercrombie, J. King, J. Keleher, G. Summers, G. Healey, L. Farrin, M. Turner, G. Gilbert, T. Gosden, R. Swinerton, Ron Hawthorne, E. Horne, G. Halls, W. Swan, R. Novello. Any person wishing to join the club may ring Secretary Hulett on 78-4384.

Melita Eagles' fullback, FRED FALZON, may soon go to the USA for a six-week trial with a New York club.

The intersuburban amateur club, WARRINGAH SAINTS, paid a visit to Orange recently. The Sydneysiders beat the Orange representative XI 4-1, the second team won 7-1 and the third grade side had a 2-2 draw with Orange. Warringah also played against the Western Districts representative teams. Their third graders won 2-0, the reserves were beaten 1-7 and Saints' first team won 3-1. The Orange teams will pay a return visit to Warringah on the Queen's Birthday weekend next year.

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Max Tolson and his radiant bride, formerly Maureen Simpson, of Workington, England. The couple were married at St. Adrians Church of England, Balgownie, on September 23.

changed his mind about spending a whole year in Austria; he will fly there in November and return to Sydney about February.

DRAGA ZIVKOVIC, the ex-Canterbury star, has just returned to Sydney after a six-month holiday in Yugoslavia. Zivkovic, who has retired from soccer, may accept a coaching position just to keep in touch with the game.

APIA turned down offers from two well known ITALIAN players — their financial demands would have even rocked the wealthy Inter Milan club.

The future of amateur soccer is safe in the hands of such enthusiasts as the Belmore secretary, CLIVE HULET. Belmore has forty teams in its own club, and expects a big influx of players in 1968. As well as its success in the Amateur Inter-Suburban competition in both grades, Belmore took out many Canterbury district premierships, in addition to the Club Championship.

MLADEN KRGIN, the former Budapest winger will soon return to Australia with his family — as ordinary migrants. Krigin who is now coaching a small outfit in the Yugoslav city of Novi Sad, is keen to settle down in Australia for good.

Soon the ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST club will again be overflowing: the club has finally obtained a full 90-minute film of the 1966 World Cup match between Hungary and Brazil, generally regarded as the best game of the last 10 years anywhere. The film should be here before Christmas and will be first shown at the clubhouse.

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The Dining Room is closed on Mondays.

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— St. George-Budapest Soccer Club Ltd.

PRESIDENT HAS THE LAST SAY

This is part of the statement by Dr. G. Bauer, who resigned last week as president of the NSW Federation.

"Last night the Management Committee decided to put to the Council of the Federation at seven day's notice a proposal for the immediate introduction of district names for First and Second Division clubs and the absolute elimination of all other names."

"Whilst I am in agreement with the sentiments behind this motion and firmly believe that the future of the code depends on strengthening district and junior soccer, I regard the timing of this motion as most unfortunate."

"In my opinion, integration can only be a gradual process, introduced over a period of time, perhaps years, and after full study of its effects upon existing mem-

ber clubs.

"Furthermore, in view of recent upheavals within the management committee, I believe that such an important matter should have been left for full debate to the incoming committee to be elected by Council within the next few weeks rather than be submitted by a depleted management committee after an all too hasty discussion."

"I feel that it was wrong for members of the management committee to bring forward such a contentious matter resulting in a further resignation from the committee, only 14 days after loyalty has been pledged to the newly elected President and existing committee."

FIRST DIVISION FLASHBACK**YUGAL WILL HAVE TO PLAN TO STOP DECLINE**

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Yugal never hit the high spots in the 1967 competition and filled one of the bottom rungs of the ladder for the second consecutive year.

Club officials and supporters, however, were not too disappointed as they couldn't have realistically aimed any higher this season.

Yugal, for the last couple of seasons, have clearly been at the crossroads.

Their line-up this year reflected their dilemma.

They couldn't quite make up their minds whether to rely on their Yugoslav "imports", or use a clean broom to introduce new blood.

In most matches they compromised, fielding an unbalanced side which lacked style and cohesion.

Their mixed bag of near-veterans and younger, locally-produced players did not produce an ideal, harmonious combination.

The management must make their minds up on the course they wish to follow next season.



FERDO DUNAJ

They can either "raid" the Yugoslav market again for classy players, and perhaps regain the prestige and glamor which was theirs' in 1962 and 1963, or turn their backs resolutely on the past and inject a massive infusion of new blood.

And knowing something about their financial plight — a youth policy is the more likely.

Despite Joe Alagich's occasional flashes of brilliance, the 1967 season clearly belonged to Yugal's "old guard", or what was left of it.

Ferdo Dunaj, the old maestro, must take much of the credit for steering Yugal out of the danger zone, after they had occupied last place for a spell.

Dunaj, now on the wrong side of 35, had a great season as a player; actually, he was almost as effective as in his Sydney heyday.

His midfield partnership with Rafanelli, that stalwart, often under-rated clubman, and Banicevic, who gained a new lease of life with Yugal, paved the way for Yugal's splendid end-of-the-season run when they proved a thorn in the side of every team, ruining Hakoah's play-off prospects in the process.

Yugal's big weakness, which almost proved fatal, was in goal where Nezmah still has not been suitably replaced.

An experienced keeper is a must for next season and so are a fullback and, at least, two top forwards, too.

Takac, the former First Division forward from Yugoslavia, did not fulfil the club's high hopes and played an insignificant role despite some early signs of promise in the Ampol Cup.

Bobic, the "old faithful", may not delight the connoisseur, but some of his goals meant the difference between victory and defeat.

Joe Alagich achieved representative honors at last.

Ironically, however, this was not his best season — far from it.

His younger brother, Mick, showed promise and could develop into a fine player, as could young defender Stosic, and goalie Petrou, once they gain in confidence.

The conversion of Halpin into a forward was surprisingly successful, and netted many a vital goal in crucial matches.

With one First Division competition under their belt, good seasons.

Yugal did as well as they could hope for in 1967 with what they had.

Rumors of an amalgamation with a district club can be discounted, for the immediate future at any rate.

The question which now confronts the management, just as it did at the end of 1966, is on the policy to adopt next season.

MELITA WILL**IMPROVE**

Melita Eagles had a typical introduction to First Division in their inaugural year among Sydney's elite.

Like most teams who gained promotion before them, Yugal and Pan Hellenic being the exceptions, their first season in the "big time" was a shaky one.

Melita's 10th placing, all said and done, can be considered satisfactory.

They never pretended to set the world on fire in 1967, which was a year of consolidation for them.

They may have now found their feet and their fans, next season, may be spared the agony they went through during the competition when it was touch and go for a long time whether they would avoid the big drop.

With their teething problems, and the limited talent at their disposal, they couldn't have hoped for a better showing.

Coach Joe Vlasits again succeeded in steering a relegation-threatened club clear from demotion this season.

What he achieved in extremis with Yugal last year, he repeated with Melita in 1967 when he took over after Jaros' still unexplained demise.

Under Vlasits' guidance, Melita Eagles amassed enough points in their last half dozen matches, or so, to stay at a safe distance from hapless Cumberland.

With one First Division competition under their belt, good seasons.

their potentially big support will demand something better next year.

Club officials are already actively planning for next season as they are determined to see the team play a bigger role and a more glamorous part on the local scene.

The playing staff, obviously, will have to undergo drastic changes.

This year's team could never hope to play an interesting role in 1968.

Melita's forward-line will have to be reconstructed almost in its entirety as only one of the forwards they used this year was anywhere near First Division standard.

Englishman Bankhead, who joined the club towards the end of the competition, is the lone player capable of retaining his place in a team with semifinal aspirations.

The others, without exceptions, are either "over the hill", or still far too immature.

Badly let down throughout the year by their attack, Melita will either have to spend a small fortune in this department next season, or unearth some local marvel.

Their defence, which was called on to perform heroically right through the competition, will also need a shake-up, though not quite as revolutionary as the forward line.

Woods and Cilia, despite sterling service this year, are not getting any younger, and their careers must soon draw to a close.

Falzon, Mullan and Hewlett still have plenty of football left in them, and should form the backbone of the defence again next season.

And, of course, in talented goalie, Terry Eaton, Melita will still have the best custodian in the business, his shock non-selection in the Australian squad notwithstanding.

Eaton was the brightest star on the Melita firmament this season; in fact, he was their one really classy player.

Falzon, Cilia, Hewlett and Bankhead, when he joined the club, were others who had

the backbone of the defence again next season.

SECOND DIV. REVIEW**North Bankstown has a big future**

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

With the reconstruction of the Second Division for the 1967 season and North Bankstown's successful application for admission, a new era has started in the life of this progressive club.

Very few people at the beginning of the season would have given them much chance of survival in the higher ranks but the great team spirit, coupled with mutual understanding between player and administrator, have surely proved that unity bound by a common cause could induce a good measure of success.

After a full season's experience, North Bankstown are expected to improve further and it won't be surprising to see this side making the semi-finals next year — even though club officials modestly scoff at the suggestion.

With the assistance of the local Council who try to help the sporting bodies of the district, it is hoped that improvements will be made to some of the amenities at George Green Oval for the 1968 season.

New amenities

In amenities, the club hopes to have a new scoreboard and a shooting board for training purposes while the team would be further improved by the acquisition of a couple of strikers to give a much-needed boost to the North's forward line.

Backed by an energetic committee — incidentally, the same men have been together for four years — and ever-increasing local following, the club is hoping to improve its standing further by bringing to the north side of the town a good afternoon's entertainment and show its sportsmanship in a good game.

All considered, 1967 was a reasonable season for North Bankstown and now that the side earned its place in this higher sphere, officials are already eagerly looking forward for the 1968 season, which they hope to be a better one still.

The club's Annual General Meeting for 1967 will be held at the Methodist Church Hall, Hume Highway, Bankstown, on Wednesday, November 29 at 8 p.m. when the committee of the club for the next 12 months will be elected.

SOCCER'S V.I.P. TOURISTS

Just compare the airport fiasco of the Australian Rugby League tourists on their arrival in London with the regal welcome accorded the Australian soccer team in Cambodia in 1965.

The league men sneaked into England unnoticed, completely ignored by one and all.

The soccer team was greeted at Phnom-Penh airport by a bevy of beautiful white-clad girls who showered them with flowers, high-ranking Government Ministers and Prince Sihanouk's special representative.

Twenty-four hours later the team drove through the flag-decked capital, cheered on by 200,000 residents lining the streets.

While the Rugby League team is playing insignificant, so-called "international" matches against obscure North of England club teams this month, Australia's soccer team will again be in the Asian lime-light in the prestigious Saigon Tournament. L.G.

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READERS' LETTERS**Seven men**

I have followed soccer for 55 years — in England, South America and Australia, and want to tell you how I appreciate your newspaper, a real asset to our game.

The Grand Final was great and the Saints' win will do much good.

There is a lot of talk about the control of the game in Sydney, so may I add a brief opinion.

I would appoint a Commission of seven men to run Sydney soccer for two years.

Then the clubs could have a vote to keep the Commission or switch to club control.

My seven would be Bayutti, Pongrass, Sternberg, Chalwin, Burton, Grimson and Syd Grant.

Such a team could re-establish the game and also create better press relations, free from petty interference.

LEO BURNS,
Haberfield, NSW.

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PHILIP MICALEFF
Blacktown, NSW.

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The trouble in Blacktown soccer is racial discrimination and arrogance on behalf of the leading soccer people in the area.

Most soccer followers in Blacktown are migrants and before their ideas and rights are recognised, there will never be good support for any Blacktown team.

Blacktown BSK of four years ago was wrecked from within its own committee ranks through jealousy and selfishness.

When Blacktown Rainbows tried to revive the game here, the same people again set out to wreck them.

Although I am against "splinter" associations or groups, I now realise that a new "Blacktown District Amateur Association" is very necessary and must be based on racial equality.

PHILIP MICALEFF
Blacktown, NSW.

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Blacktown, NSW.

A U S T R A L I A

EARLY EXIT TIPPED FOR YOUNG PAN HELLENIC

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Only three Sydney teams, at best, can qualify for the quarterfinals of the Australia Cup which will be played in Sydney and Melbourne next Sunday week.

The first round draw has pitted the newly-crowned champions, St. George-Budapest, against Pan Hellenic in the first round at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

APIA, who plays Juventus Canberra in Sydney, and South Sydney Croatia, who travel to Newcastle to meet Lake Macquarie, should join the winner of St. George-Pan Hellenic in the quarterfinals.

This is how we think the matches involving Sydney teams will go this weekend:

APIA v.

Juventus Canberra

The absence of Van Blerk (three-match suspension) and Campana (cartilage) is a blow to APIA's chances of retaining the Australia Cup they won last year, but against the ACT's representative at Wentworth Park on Sunday, all this should not matter.

Nuttall and Rivero (or McKinnon), the substitutes, won't weaken APIA in any way against Juventus.

Intent on making amends for the Grand Final debacle in the Australia Cup, APIA won't be taking any chances on Sunday.

APIA will show no mercy to their "sister" team from the Capital Territory, and we would be most surprised if the visitors didn't return home with a big defeat.

We all know Cup football always provides its quota of upsets, but of all first round games this one is the least likely to produce a shock result.

Juventus are unlikely to have much of a say in the final score.

APIA will determine by just how big a margin they win. The visitors can only hope to put up spirited resistance and keep the score respectable.

St. George-Budapest v. Pan Hellenic

The Pan Hellenic youngsters have the arduous task of meeting the new champions first up in the Australia Cup.

Pan Hellenic fans are counting on another stirring performance from the team, which will be practically unchanged, that held APIA to a 1-1 draw three weeks ago in the final round-robin.

Fired by the enthusiasm of youth, Pan Hellenic won't worry about their rivals' reputations and will go on the field full of fight and optimism.

The possibility of a big St. George let-down cannot be discounted as this match may be something of an anti-climax after the heady triumph of last Sunday week.

One thing is certain: the champions can't afford to put anything but their best foot forward against this all-action Pan Hellenic side.

On the strength of their 5-2 against APIA, St. George must start firm favorites, but they aren't that far ahead in ability and spirit to be a sure thing of beating Pan Hellenic.

Lake Macquarie v. Croatia

Croatia won't find the going easy at the Speers Point ground, Lake Macquarie, but a first round defeat would still come as a surprise.

Despite Croatia's chronic

weakness in attack, and Frank Cush's absence, the Sydney-siders should still score more goals than their opponents, whose main attributes will be fitness and boundless enthusiasm.

This is likely to be a low-scoring game, with Croatia's strong defence swinging the game their way.

Lake's attack will have to be something out of the box to throw Curry, Shepherd and Co. out of their stride.

If recent Sydney form is any guide, Northern fans may not see a very spectacular match, but their forwards will

be hard pressed to find a winning solution to one of the very best, most methodical, defences in Sydney.

They will also have to contend with a first-class effort from Ron Giles, out to prove how wrong the Australian selectors were to bypass him for national team selection.

Lake Macquarie can be expected to fight all the way in typical Newcastle tradition.

That they will make it "hot" for Croatia, we have no doubt, but we can't see them eliminating Frank Hearn's boys.

LATROBE WON'T CUT MUCH ICE IN AUST. CUP

— From ALAN FOUCHE in Brisbane —

Queensland are unlikely to cut much ice in the Australia Cup this year, and Sunday's match at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground should see Latrobe-West's exit at the hands of Newcastle Austral.

Latrobe, who won only nine of their 25 matches this season, are probably the poorest team ever to claim a First Division title; certainly, as their recent 6-3 thrashing by an out-of-form Hellenic shows, they are not the best even in Brisbane at the moment.

Their premiership win, which gave them their entry to the Cup, was sealed

early in the year by the brilliant form of Australian squad inside-forward Ray Richards.

However, since his transfer to Hollandia, midway through the term, they have slumped badly, and have, in fact, won only one of their last five matches.

Surprising as it may seem, however, the club's problem is not a shortage of outstanding talent.

In defenders Hosie, McGawley, Bain, and Stewart, and inside-forward Syd Tucker, they have men of first class calibre, but unfortunately glaring weaknesses at left back and on both flanks have not been solved despite a bewildering series of experiments with a variety of reserves.

If Latrobe's few really good men can produce their best, they will still be in with a chance, but if the visitors are anywhere near the standard of their 1963 predecessors who lost 0-1 to Azzurri, they should return to Newcastle with a convincing victory under their belts.

Lake Macquarie did so well over the last month that one expects them to show out when they play in the Australia Cup, particularly as they will have home ground advantage.

North has best two to defend honor

— By JACK MATTHEWS in Newcastle —

Newcastle Austral and Lake Macquarie, the North's teams in the Australia Cup, were not only the North's best in the season now ending, according to premiership statistics, but were also virtually so by performance.

Newcastle Austral won the minor premiership and Lake Macquarie were the runner-up — and conqueror of Newcastle Austral in the grand final replay, 6-3, after the teams, a week earlier, had battled to a 2-2 draw.

Austral had a grand season to match that of 1966 when they led from the start of the premiership only to have the pennant snatched from their grasp in the 18th and last round of the competition.

In the 1967 premiership Austral won 11 of their 18 matches and drew four.

They lost the first match in the competition when they went down 0-2 to Hamilton Azzurri but then went to the 15th series without a loss.

There they faltered, losing one and drawing two of their last three matches.

However, they had done so well earlier while possible challengers were beating one other, that Austral had built up enough points to carry them through to a two-point win from Lake Macquarie who finished in front of Hamilton Azzurri with Wallsend in fourth place.

Newcastle Austral's poor effort near the end of the competition can be directly traced to the sudden departure to their homeland of the two Englishmen, Arthur Oldham and Bill Duncan.

Oldham was the "general" of the attack and Duncan the main striker. It had been expected that they would not leave until after the final but rearranged sailing dates because of the Middle East crisis forced earlier departure.

This upheaval in the forward line upset the balance of an attack that had been perfected in a season of hard campaigning.

It took a few weeks, a few matches and an increased number of training

sessions for Austral's attack to settle down again, but the forward line now is not nearly as good as it was.

The players up front do not play so vital a part in the team's defence as was once the case, as is shown by the fact that in the first 14 matches, Austral conceded only 11 goals while they lost seven in the last four matches.

Newcastle Austral have come a long way since the club was formed in 1955 as the successor to Greta Austral, a team formed in a migrant hostel at a centre some miles from Newcastle.

In those days, the side was comprised of Europeans.

Now the team has only two players of Continental extraction, the remainder being English, Scots and Australian.

Five of the Austral team which will go to Brisbane were in the North's side which met the South at Macquarie Oval on Monday.

One of them, Ray Lloyd, is in the NSW squad, members of which will be considered for selection in the Australian team to go to Asia later this year.

The side is coached by Jim Doolan, a Scottish half-back of marked ability.

Tony Schwarz, who played with Lake Macquarie before going to Yugal a few seasons ago, returned to the side this season as coach.

He is now much slower than in his best days and prone to leg injury.

He is still a fine midfield tactician, and when he can get moving, he makes a big difference to the Lake Macquarie team.

Lake Macquarie was an inconsistent side in 1967.

They won five matches in each round of the competition to finish with 10 wins and four drawn matches, scoring 42 goals and conceding 24.

Lake Macquarie have found their best form at

PROBABLE CUP LINE-UPS

APIA v. Juventus (ACT)

TAYLOR	1	McMAHON
NUTTALL	2	JANSSEN
ACKERLEY	3	LINDT
HUGHES	4	FLORIT
WATKISS	5	AITCHISON
BOTTALICO	6	D'AMBROSIO
CAMPBELL	7	POMPOR
RIVERO	8	ARQUERO
BLUE	9	ZORZIT
KERKLAAN	10	SMITH
GIACOMETTI	11	VAN DYK

St. George v. Pan Hellenic

HAFFEY	1	CLARKE
ISAAC	2	JOHNSTON
HILLARY	3	HIGNETT
SCHAEFER	4	WESTWATER
MORGAN	5	DOUNIAS
ZUCKERMAN	6	MCCULLOCH
STEGBAUER	7	VROLYKS
WARREN	8	SMITH
McCOLGAN	9	MALLARD
CLISS	10	BARDETTA
McCUE	11	BLITZ

Lake Macquarie (N. NSW) v. Croatia

GABRIEL	1	CORRY
WOODS	2	LINCOLN
SMITH	3	SLOAN
BOARDMAN	4	CURRY
RINGHOFF	5	SHEPHERD
WRIGHT	6	SNEDDEN
HERBERT	7	SWOBODA
SCHWARZ	8	TOMICIC
IRWIN	9	R. CUSH
HINCHCLIFFE	10	GILES
DUNNE	11	REYNOLDS

Latrobe (Qld.) v. Newcastle Austral

Mc GAWLEY	1	LANZONI
BAIN	2	GALLAGHER
INGAMELLS	3	GORDON
WALTON	4	DOOLAN
STEWART	5	MC KENZIE
HOSIE	6	LLOYD
GREEN	7	TWIDLE
CLEMITSION	8	ADAMSON
TUCKER	9	ROBBARDS
PALING	10	SKELLY
MAHER	11	LAGERSTROM

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TWO VICTORIANS ARE CERTAIN TO SURVIVE

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Victoria's four Australia Cup contenders swing into action this weekend with the odds strongly favoring that at least two will survive the first round and qualify for the quarterfinals.

It is a certainty of course that one will go forward from Victoria after the Juventus v. JUST clash. Instances outside their control. Juventus have belied their high position in the

Melbourne, the State League champions should easily account for Launceston United but Croatia could have their hands full against Hellas of Adelaide. Their high position in the league all season and after their debacle against APIA, cannot be optimistic against JUST despite the fact that the Footscray side are no great shakes.

The full draw involving Victorian teams is:
Melbourne v.
Launceston United

Melbourne v. Launceston United at Olympic Park.

Saturday, October 7: WA Hellas v. Croatia (Vic.) at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.

Unless Melbourne, after their lengthy lay-off have a severe attack of cramp or have forgotten the rudiments of the game, they should have little bother

Sunday, October 8: Juventus v. JUST at Olympic Park

None of the competing Victorian teams has won the Australian Cup.

Croatia have qualified for the national competition for the first time while Melbourne, who reached the semis last year only to be ousted by the eventual winners, APIA, are having their second go at the cup.

JUST are in through the back door as the main striker could play havoc with the Launceston United rearguard.

They finished fifth in the State League, but due to the disqualification of South Melbourne Hellas, the Footscray side take over.

Launceston's main hopes appear to be in catching Melbourne off balance right from the start and having the luck to steal a couple of quick goals.

The all-action Croatia, providing they can surmount the Adelaide hurdle, appear to have the best chance of any of the Victorian sides of causing a real impression in the But quite frankly, I reckon this will only be a dream and Melbourne will win easily and pile on a big score in the process.

Melbourne are bound to show at least three changes

Melbourne's normally steady defence has been disrupted through the return of fullback Bill McGowan to Scotland as well as the fact that they have lost two other first team real impression in the competition.

show at least three changes from the side beaten in the Australia Cup semi by APIA last year as McGowan, Taylor and Kemp are no longer available.

The Melbourne line-up is likely to differ little from the team which lost to Sun-

PROBABLE LINE-UPS

Melbourne-HSC v. Launceston (Tas.)

SURMA	1	HALL
HONA	2	KREMERSKOTHEM
GILFELLIAN	3	DONALDSON
GREGAL	4	SMITH
SCOTT	5	HACKETT
SHANKS	6	SLATER
KURTA	7	WITHERFORD
ABONYI	8	ROPER
STOFFELS	9	BAIN
CONNELLY	10	HILL
MYERS	11	VAN DER POLS

Juventus (Vic.) v. JUST

	COVINGTON	(1971-72)	1972-73
VOIGT	1	KAZI	
SONSINI	2	RUSMIR	
GENTRY	3	MRATINOVIC	
CLOSS	4	MICIC	
DELLA ROCCA	5	RICE	
LUCKHURST	6	CRKOVIC	
BARBAZZA	7	FEARN	
CORTI	8	MORGAN	
MILLAR	9	HUGHES	
NORMAN	10	GAKOVIC	
DI MARCHI	11	KING	

Hellas (SA) v. Croatia (Vic.)

Hellas (SA)	v.	Croatia (VIC.)
TSITSOS	1	KOVACEK
MARUSIC	2	D. MACKAY
KEFALOUDIS	3	BOT
WORTHINGTON	4	RAU
BURDETT	5	GUNN
FORDE	6	McARTHUR
PANTELIS	7	ADLAM
SOLOPOTIAS	8	GLASER
BATCHELOR	9	VOJTEK
IRWIN	10	J. MACKAY
DE LYSTER	11	McMEECHAN

— THE AUSTRALIA CUP DRAW —

Melbourne HSC	—	}				
Launceston United	—	}				
Hellas Adelaide	—	}				
Croatia Melbourne	—					
Juventus Melbourne	—	}				
Footscray-JUST	—	}				
Juventus Adelaide	—	}				
Azzurri Perth	—					
APIA-Leichhardt	—	}				
Juventus Canberra	—	}				
Lake Macquarie	—	}				
South Sydney Croatia	—					
St. George-Budapest	—	}				
Pan Hellenic	—	}				
Latrobe (Qld.)	—	}				
Newcastle Austral	—					



ROUND THE WORLD

World's top referees

FIFA's latest bulletin reveals that 694 referees have an international ticket. Last year there were only 633. FIFA now has 123 affiliated associations, six more than in 1966. Africa supplies 164 international referees, Asia 128, Central and North America 22, South America 149, Europe 211 and Oceania (including Australia) 20.

Pro. league for Japan

Japan has officially decided to implement full-time professionalism next year. No foreign players, however, will be allowed to play until 1970. The national professional league, affiliated to the Japanese FA, will include 10 teams — from Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Yokohama and Nagasaki.

Austrian crisis subsides

Peace has finally been restored in Austria. The important European Nations' Cup match between Austria and Finland last Sunday week (2-1) was played at Vienna's Prater Stadium after all, and not at provincial Linz as team manager Erwin Alge had threatened following the outburst of Viennese fans against his alleged bias towards players from the capital. Alge compromised against the Finns and fielded three players from Rapid to pacify the Prater crowd. Alge, however, was still booed after the match because the Austrians were anything but impressive against their modest opponents.

Brazil's Cup preparations

Brazil's 1970 World Cup preparations will kick off with an eight-match European tour next year. The Brazilians, between May 27 and June 20, will play against England, West Germany, France, Switzerland, Rumania, Poland, Italy and Portugal. A team of Brazilian "hopefuls," young players groomed for eventual representative honors, will undertake a tour of the Lebanon, Israel, Iran, Cyprus, Turkey and Egypt at the same time.

Sparta Prague's poor start

Sparta Prague, the Czechoslovakian team which thrilled Australian fans earlier this year, had a disastrous start to the new season. After eight rounds they are dead last, having won only one match and drawn two. They are already nine points behind Slovan Bratislava, another team which toured Australia, the early leaders. Prague clubs got off to a bad start this year. None of the capital's teams are among the first six at this stage.



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According to FIFA, this is the breakdown, per club, of losses incurred by the US Professional League in their first year of operation: Pittsburgh \$745,000; Los Angeles \$692,000; St. Louis \$600,000; New York \$600,000; Chicago \$425,000; Baltimore \$400,000; San Francisco \$400,000; Toronto \$400,000; Atlanta \$350,000; Philadelphia \$300,000. The total amount is a staggering \$4,912,000.

● Pugliese, AS Roma's coach, saved his head when his team held Inter Milan to a 1-1 draw in the opening round of the Italian competition. If Roma had lost by a big score, he would certainly have been replaced by skipper Losi.

● Bologna's top tactician, Italian international Bulgarelli, is out for six weeks! He may have to undergo a cartilage operation.

● West Germany's dearest admission charges are in Munich. At Munchen 1860 and Bayern Munchen's home games, prices range from \$1.00 to \$4.00, 15 per cent more than anywhere else in the country.

● The two Dynamos, Moscow and Kiev, are engaged in a thrilling battle at the top of the USSR table. The Moscovites have a narrow one-point lead over Celtic's conquerors. Torpedo Moscow are in seventh place, nine points behind the leaders.

● In Sweden, Malmo, lead AIK Stockholm, by four points.

● Rosenborg, a provincial club, are the Norwegian First Division leaders after 22 rounds, four points ahead of Lyn Oslo.

● Ferencvaros, the runaway Hungarian competition leaders (ten points), dropped only their third point of the season, when held to a 2-2 draw by Vasas a fortnight ago. Ferencvaros are still unbeaten this season.

● Manchester City, among the leaders in the current First Division English competition, made a profit of \$85,000 last season when they gained promotion. The previous season the club reported a loss of \$100,000.

● David Ford, one of Sheffield Wednesday's leading goalscorers last season, was involved in a serious car accident in which his wife was killed. Ford is unlikely to play again as both his legs were smashed in the crash.

● Sir Alf Ramsey only fielded English players in the English League XI against the Belgian League match last week (2-2). The Belgians, however, used all their star foreign players.

● Orvar Bergmark, Sweden's team manager, may soon get the sack. Following the national team's poor performances lately, especially the shock loss against Norway, the Swedish FA is looking around for a replacement.

● The quickest goal in England this season was scored by Chivers — a mere 20 seconds after the kick-off of the recent Southampton v. Liverpool match.

● Dave Proven, Rangers' Scottish international fullback, broke his leg when his team beat Celtic three weeks ago. He won't play again this season.

● There's been a welcome decrease in the number of players sent off in England this season. Since the start of the four professional leagues' competition, only 10 players got their marching orders to date.

● Lausanne Sports' Swiss international midfield player, Laurent Bosson, has been drafted into the army. He will serve as a Papal Swiss guard at the Vatican for 12 months.

● Branko Kubala, the much-travelled son of former Barcelona star, Ladislao Kubala, has joined the newly-promoted French First Division Aix-en-Provence.

● The son of another well-known soccer identity, Bologna's Argentinian-born coach, Luis Carniglia, has transferred from Sampdoria to his father's club.

● Spain, too, will play a series of pre-World Cup matches in Mexico 12 months before the World Cup finals.

● FC Nurnberg is the top drawcard at home this season in the West German Bundesliga. Their home crowds, to date, have averaged 57,000 spectators.

● Guermi, captain of Dynamo Zagreb, winners of the 1966-67 European Fair Cities' Cup, may join the large band of Yugoslavs operating abroad. He has received a big offer to play for Neunkirchen, in West Germany.

● Don Santiago Bernabeu, Real Madrid's president, will retire at the end of the season. Bernabeu, the man behind Real's rise to fame, has been connected with the club for 55 years.

● Spain's youngest First Division team is the recently-promoted Real Sociedad of San Sebastian. Their players' average is only 21 and three months.

● Angelillo, AC Milan's former Argentinian idol, will join his countryman, coach Carniglia, at Bologna.

● Sepp Herberger, the famous former West German team-manager, underwent an operation on both eyes at Ludwigshafen last month.

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Top USSR star arrested

Another top Russian international is in deep water. Igor Cislenko, Dynamo Moscow's right winger, and many times an international, has been arrested for running over a soldier in his car while under the influence. Voronin, the USSR's former skipper, was barred from playing for his country for two years after taking an unauthorized holiday. Voronin, however, has been allowed to continue playing for his club, Torpedo.

European Junior Championship

The next European Junior Championship will be held in France at Easter 1968. The tournament will be played in the cities of Nice and Cannes, and at Aix and Nimes. Eight countries have qualified automatically for the finals: France, the USSR, Scotland, Portugal, Switzerland, Holland, Greece and Yugoslavia. The other eight finalists will be the first and second placed teams in four elimination groups, which must be completed by March 1, 1968.

Yardley stars again

"George peps the Rovers," was the heading of a recent article in a London newspaper, applauding George Yardley's brilliant form with Third Division Tranmere Rovers.

French "hate" friendlies

France, beaten 1-5 by West Germany last week in Berlin, have not won a "friendly" international since they beat Chile 6-0 in 1960. In European or World Cup matches, however, the French have quite a respectable — in fact positive — record, since 1958. Despite the big defeat against Germany, they are tipped to beat Belgium at home on October 28 and qualify for the quarter-finals of the Nations' Cup.

● Arsenal are willing to release their unhappy Scottish international star, Ian Ure, but won't accept less than \$310,000 for him.

● Despite their shaky start in First Division, Wolverhampton have agreed to transfer Ernie Hunt to Everton for \$175,000.

● The London branch of the Manchester United Supporters' Club has about 3,000 members.

● Ex-Eire international Ambrose Fogarty, after many seasons with English clubs, has returned home and is in charge of Hibernians of Cork.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN NATIONS' CUP: Hungary v. East Germany 3-1. Sturm Graz 1-2; Radenthein v. LASK 0-0.

INTERNATIONALS: West Germany v. France 5-1; English League v. Belgian League 2-2; Spain v. "Rest of the World" 3-0 (Zamora Testimonial in Madrid).

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Trakia Plovdiv (Bulgaria) v. Rapid Bucharest (Romania) 2-0; Hibernians Valetta (Malta) v. Manchester United 0-0.

FRANCE: Sedan v. Rennes 3-0; Lens v. Nice 0-0; Bordeaux v. Lille 2-1; Nantes v. Red Star 4-2; Ajaccio v. Monaco 1-0; St. Etienne v. Aix 3-1; Metz v. Lyon 3-0; Sochaux v. Angers 2-0; Marseille v. Valenciennes 2-0.

HOLLAND: DOS v. Telstar 4-0; Feyenoord v. Go Ahead 3-1; Volendam v. ADO 0-0; DWS v. Fortuna 2-0; Sittardia v. NAC 0-2; MVV v. Ajax 0-4; Twente v. NEC 1-0; PSV v. Sparta 1-5; GVAV v. Xerxes 1-1.

HUNGARY: Honved v. Ujpest 2-2; Szeged v. Ferencvaros 1-5; Eger v. Dunajvaros 4-2; Diósgyör v. Györ 1-1; Szombathely v. Komlo 4-0; Vasas v. Tatabánya 1-1; Pecs v. Salgotrany 2-1; MTK v. Csepel 2-2.

ITALY: Atalanta v. Juventus 0-0; Bologna v. Cagliari 2-1; Vicenza v. Spal 1-0; Mantova v. Inter Milan 0-0; Milan AC v. Fiorentina 0-0; Roma v. Napoli 2-1; Torino FK Austria Wien 1-1; GAK v. Brescia 2-0; Varese v. Sampdoria 3-0; Bregenz v. 1-0.

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SUPERB A.P.I.A. CRUSH CRACK MELB. OUTFIT

— By BOB LOW —

After their shock defeat by St. George-Budapest in the Sydney Grand Final, APIA travelled to Melbourne last Thursday to play Juventus for the "President of Italy Cup."

The 7-2 win for the Sydney side was not only a shattering defeat for Juventus, but also a crippling blow to the prestige of Victorian soccer and one which can only be remedied if a Melbourne side were good enough to win the Australia Cup.

It was a first class exhibition by APIA, who were under strength through the absence of Archie Blue and Ricardo Campana.

They looked a professional side and played as one with every player knowing the exact job he had to do.

They were three yards faster to the ball than Juventus — which means they are much fitter.

And above all, their forwards made full use of the open space and were in devastating finishing form.

Juventus were partly demoralised by a great goal

by Johnny Watkiss before the first minute had ticked over, and their ragged combination which only made half-hearted attempts at times to get into the game, never recovered, and lost three more goals, two by Watkiss and one by Giacometti, before the half time whistle sounded.

Juventus were by no means out of the game.

They had some bad luck in finishing while superb goalkeeping by young Taylor in the APIA goal robbed them of chances to reduce the deficit.

However, the final result was never in doubt as early in the second half, Giacometti banged in another goal and Watkiss again got into the act to score the sixth.

Two consolation goals by Di Marchi for Juventus late in the game after both teams had been butchered

by changes were little comfort for the Victorian side.

Almost as soon as Di Marchi scored his second, the APIA side at will, made a bee-line for the Juventus goal and scored their final counter through Kerklaan.

This was almost a one-horse race with Johnny Watkiss the star performer at inside forward with Taylor in goal turning in a great show.

For Juventus, Jimmy Millar at inside forward was about their only player who

was worth his salt.

The teams started off:

Juventus: Voigt, Sonsini,

Gentry, Closs, Scott, Della

Rocca, Torque, Corti,

Pignattelli, Millar, Malloy.

APIA: Taylor, Nuttall,

Ackerley, Hughes, Van

Blerk, Bottalico, Campbell,

Rivero, Giacometti, Watkiss,

Kerklaan.

APIA didn't appear particularly strong on the wings where neither Campbell nor Kerklaan impressed.

And Rivero never

reached any great heights.

SLAVIA ADD ANOTHER TITLE TO COLLECTION

Slavia won the 1967 Dockerty Cup Final in a jog trot. In fact, had the Port Melbourne side been more careful in their finishing and had even average luck, they could have doubled their score.

In the latter stages of the game, they ran rings round Hellas which, with few exceptions, were devoid of any system and never gained an ounce of inspiration from their much boosted captain-coach, Con Nestorides.

Slavia's defence was

superb all through, and according to the sentiments expressed by leading Federation officials after the match.

Official paid figures for the Dockerty Cup final was 7,800.

Slavia completed the double when earlier, in a curtain-raiser, their reserve side beat Polonia 1-0 in the final of the Harry Armstrong Cup.

Slavia also won the Ampol Cup last March which means that they have won the three major trophies in Victorian soccer this year.

In attack, Slavia were a revelation with left winger Graham Rainey the star as time and time again he split the Hellas defence wide open with his dead-on passes through the centre or to the opposite wing.

Hellas carried a lot of dead wood, both in defence and attack.

Never at any time did they look like pulling the game out of the fire.

They relied heavily on Nestorides, who flopped and looked a beaten side after Slavia scored their first goal.

Best for Slavia were Schroif, Goodwin, Holmes, Cook and Rainey.

For Hellas, Roussis, Bedford and Kokinos were the pick of a futile mob.

Scorers: Goodwin (pen.), Reid, Jurecki, Livingstone.

At the finish, two of the South Melbourne Hellas players showed themselves up in poor style by refusing, despite the efforts of Bedford, to attend the presentation.

The attitude of the Hellas players who absented themselves from the presentation of the Cup and medals is likely to be brought up by the State Council, according to the Herald.

The other finals were decided at Wentworth Park last Monday.

Results were:

Under 8: Bankstown def. Ku-ring-gai.

Under 9: Canterbury drew with Bankstown.

Under 10: Sutherland def. Granville.

Under 11: South. Dists. def. Granville.

Under 13: Gladysville drew with West. Suburbs.

Under 15: Bankstown def. Protestant Churches.

Two finals will have to be replayed.

The series drew more interest than ever before, and has proved one of the most successful promotions organised by the Sydney Metropolitan Association.

The lightning competition for District Representative teams will be the final series of the junior season.

Matches have been set down for Marconi, George Green and Seymour Shaw Oval on Sunday, October 15.

The annual ladies competition will be played at Allum Park on the same day.

The last four teams in each of the grades are expected to play their semi-finals under floodlights.

— Keith Gilmour

Hellas and Juventus win through

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Adelaide Juventus and West Adelaide Hellas qualified as SA's Australia Cup representatives by convincingly winning their elimination play-offs last Saturday.

Juventus defeated Polonia 3-1 at Hindmarsh and Hellas downed Croatia 5-1 at the Olympic Sports Field.

Hellas were more impressive than Juventus and seem likely to have better prospects in the national series than their arch rivals.

Hellas opened smartly against Croatia to score

twice in the first 19 minutes.

They increased their lead by a further two goals at the 10 minute mark of the second half.

Croatia halted the barrage when Andy Balter scored but Nick Pantelis, the undisputed star of the match, notched his second goal to clinch the win.

While Hellas were piling on goals against Croatia, Juventus were in early trouble when Polonia scored after four minutes.

Polonia captain, Rick Hamence, celebrated his 99th appearance by beating Juventus goalkeeper, Charlie Horvath with a 35-yard free-kick.

Juventus struck back after 24 minutes through a bad defensive error.

Eugene Nowak, Hamence and Roger Romanowicz muddled an easy clearance to allow Manuel Cruz to nip in and snap up a goal from close range.

Mid-way through the second half Joe Serafini put Juventus in front with a good opportunist effort after Cruz, John Perin and Steve Herczeg had made the opening.

Herczeg netted from a well executed free-kick to seal Polonia's defeat.

Polonia's dwindling hopes crashed a minute after this goal when Eddy Typek was sent off by referee Bill Hosie for persistently disputing decisions.

Details:

Juventus v. Polonia 3-1 (1-1). Scorers: Cruz, Serafini, Herczeg, for Juventus; Hamence for Polonia.

WA Hellas v. Croatia 5-1 (3-0). Scorers: Pantelis 2, Batchelor, De Lyster, Bilic (t.o.g.) for Hellas; Balter for Croatia.

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Sydney club patrol

The Sydney AMATEUR Association gave a dinner last Wednesday night at the St. George-Budapest Soccer club in honor of former NSW Amateur president, JACK TOOKE.

News in brief about former Yugoslav stars: STOJANOVIC is working in Belgrade for a rent-a-car firm, LAZAREVIC is studying at a university and then enters the Army for a year, PETRIC is working as a lawyer. Of the three only Lazarevic is likely to return here, probably in 1969. None of them plays soccer at the moment.

Several well known players are keen to join St. George-Budapest next season. One who is reportedly anxious to return to the club is former sharpshooter JOHN GALAMBOS.

We heard it on the grapevine that JOHN GIACOMETTI and APIA will almost certainly part soon. Giacometti is likely to join another Sydney club — the quiet tip is Pan Hellenic.

Former Budapest coach JOZSEF BEREZC recently won about \$1000 on an English football pool.

Despite several very strong rumors, there is little likelihood for former NSW secretary EDDIE PRINCI returning to the administration in a salaried capacity.

ALITALIA has given a cup for presentation to the best and fairest player in Newcastle's Azzurri Soccer Club. The cup, 22" high, will be presented for the first time at the end of this season. It will be called the Alitalia Cup.

The grades involved are under 12, 14, 16 and All-Age, and the clubs are drawn from the Associations shown:

AMATEUR FINALS SUCCESS

Four finals in the Sydney "Champion of Champions" series for premier First Division clubs will be played at Seymour Shaw Park Miranda next Sunday.

The grades involved are under 12, 14, 16 and All-Age, and the clubs are drawn from the Associations shown:

Under 12: Granville v. Sutherland.

Under 14: St. George v. Bankstown.

Under 16: Canterbury v. Granville.

AA: Southern Districts v. Canterbury.

The other finals were decided at Wentworth Park last Monday.

Results were:

Under 8: Bankstown def. Ku-ring-gai.

Under 9: Canterbury drew with Bankstown.

Under 10: Sutherland def. Granville.

Under 11: South. Dists. def. Granville.

Under 13: Gladysville drew with West. Suburbs.

Under 15: Bankstown def. Protestant Churches.

Two finals will have to be replayed.

The series drew more interest than ever before, and has proved one of the most successful promotions organised by the Sydney Metropolitan Association.

The lightning competition for District Representative teams will be the final series of the junior season.

Matches have been set down for Marconi, George Green and Seymour Shaw Oval on Sunday, October 15.

The annual ladies competition will be played at Allum Park on the same day.

The last four teams in each of the grades are expected to play their semi-finals under floodlights.

— Keith Gilmour

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"CONSOLATION" TROPHY TO 1966 CHAMPIONS

Hakoah took out Sydney's "Consolation Cup" — for the eight First Division clubs which missed out on the semifinals and the top four Second Division teams — by beating Prague 2-1 in the final last Monday.

The victory was scant consolation for the 1966 champions who missed out on the final play-offs and the Australia Cup this season.

Hakoah, however, made hard work of beating Prague in conditions better suited to surfing than soccer.

They were never in danger of defeat once they established their two-goal lead, but lost their composure after Scheinflug's goal.

Prague started impressively enough and missed several good chances in the first 20 minutes, then wilted in the heat, only to come

back strongly in the second half. Banicevic, Rafaneli; J. Alagich, Stosic, Halpin, Edwards, Vesic.

Hakoah: Fuzes; Stewart, Hillsdon, Fekete, Marnoch, Yaager, Jones, Walsh, Edmunds, Baartz, Holden.

Prague: King; Harcombe, Blacker, Zeman, Rootsey, Blanco (Tracey), Armitage, Miner, G. Manuel, Scheinflug, Hoggart.

Referee: N. Jones.

Crowd: 1,127.

— A. Speers

In the semifinals the previous day, Hakoah defeated Yugal 3-1 and Prague trounced Melita Eagles 4-0.

In a dull and unexciting match, Hakoah scored three times in the last 10 minutes to earn their place in the final.

Both sides seemed to be out of condition, Yugal being the worst affected, and the scoreless first half did not attract one cheer from the small crowd.

Hakoah's forward line, inspired by the clever passing of Doug Holden, put some life into the game by having a few shots towards goal instead of muddling in midfield.

Hakoah: Fuzes; Stewart, Hillsdon; Fekete, Marnoch, Yaager; Holden, Walsh, Edmunds, Baartz, Harding (Jones).

Yugal: Petrou; Crnic, Nacinovic; Marinovic,

Banicevic, Rafaneli; J. Alagich, Stosic, Halpin, Edwards, Vesic.

Scorers: Baartz, 35 min. and 43 min., Jones 90 min. for Hakoah. Rafaneli, 39 min. for Yugal.

Referee: N. Jones.

The late match between Prague and Melita was as dreary as the first, except for some good positional play by the Prague youngsters.

Prague dictated play right from the kick-off, and with complete control in midfield, started to run rings round the much slower Melita defenders.

With Scheinflug scheming, the Prague forward line tore holes in the normally stable Melita defence, and with luck could have scored more than four goals.

Prague: King; Harcombe, Blacker; Zeman, Rootsey, Blanco; Armitage, Thorne, Manuel, Scheinflug, Hoggart.

Melita: Eaton; Hunter, Woods; Arrighi, Cilia, Hewlett; Reid, Bankhead, Mulqueeny, Azzopardi, Williams.

Scorers: Scheinflug, 15 min. (penalty) 33 min.; Manuel 20 min.; for Prague also Cilia, 43 min. (o.g.).

— C. Spiteri

ALITALIA CONTEST "GENTLE SEX" FIGHTS FOR THE ITALIAN TRIP

The climax of the fabulous SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Contest, sponsored by ALITALIA, is fast approaching.

Deadline for the Contest's last question (Section 13) is on Saturday, October 7, at 3 p.m.

This week we publish results of Section 11 (Sydney Grand Final), progress points in the Readers' Contest and progress voting in the Players' Popularity Poll.

READERS CONTEST

Mrs Sophia Michopoulos still retains a 30-point lead over Carol Laws of Kings Cross, with only two more coupons to be checked.

Mrs Yolanda Degli Esposti of Leichhardt, 50 points behind Mrs Michopoulos, and trailing Carol Laws by 20 points, is the only other contestant still in the running for the prize of an Alitalia trip for one to Italy.

Women contestants have dominated the Contest from start to finish, and are now engaged in a thrilling three-way contest for the greatest prize ever offered to any soccer fan in Australia.

Section 11 results

60 points S. Michopoulos, Pagewood; H. Zengel, Petersham; Y. Degli Esposti, Leichhardt; C. Laws, Kings Cross.

40 points L. Bordacs, Nth. Sydney; J. Juric, Leichhardt; J. Economos, Croydon; S. Kaye, Brighton-le-Sands; C. Czipcer, Valley (Qld.); L. Scott, Ashfield; V. Horvath, Sefton; B. McGinty, Burwood; V. Horacek, Darlinghurst; V. Voncina, Wiley Park; F. Abbuzzo, Dee Why; G. Baracetti, Redfern; S. Biazzo, Croydon; F. Buonanova, Five Dock; L. Cardarello, Green Valley; L. Crema, Bossley Park; V. Crismale, Adelaide; A. D'Ambra, St. Peters; R. Esposito, Fawkner; G. Fontana, Warrawong; S. Garofano, Terrigal; M. Giuliani, Carlton (Vic.); M. Iacozi, Croydon Park; B. Mazzone, Underdale (SA); M. Mrsic, Paddington; A. Naccarella, Marrickville; R. Pizzecco, Niddrie (Vic.); C. Schifilliti, Georges Hall; S. Tumino, Pascoe Vale (Vic.); Valvasson, Summer Hill; L. Vellozzi, Wollongong.

PLAYERS CONTEST

Johnny Giacometti, the APIA sharpshooter, has all but won the Sydney section of the Players' Contest.

His lead over St. George skipper, John Warren, appears unassailable.

Pyrgolios of South Melbourne Hellas has already reached the quota of 500 votes necessary to participate in the draw for the return trip for two to Singapore by Alitalia and Worthington of Adelaide-Hellas is making a bold bid to reach the quota before the end of the Contest.

This is how the players stand in each State:

NSW: Giacometti (APIA)

1612; Warren (St. George) 1085; Nuttall (APIA) 987; Watkiss (APIA) 493; Alagich (Yugal) 420; Blue (APIA) 355; Hughes (APIA) 339; Johnston (Pan Hellenic) 258; Reynolds (Croatia) 216; Karyannis (Pan Hellenic) 156.

VIC: Pyrgolios (Hellas) 518; Della Rocca (Juventus) 282; Sonsini (Juventus) 72; De Marchi (Juventus) 71; Voigt (Juventus) 63; Barbazza (Juventus) 57.

QLD: Jackson (Hellenic) 139; Tucker (Latrobe) 44.

WA: Giorgi (Azzurri) 70; Ramm (Tricolore) 19.

SA: Worthington (Hellas) 420; Perin (Juventus) 232; McColl (Juventus) 209.

TAS: Morosini (Juventus) 33.

Progress points

730 points S. Michopoulos, Pagewood.

700 points C. Laws, Kings Cross.

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THEY SAY HE'S TOO OLD AT 29

— By ALAN SPEERS —

Selection of the 27-man squad from which Australia's Asian soccer tourists will be chosen, followed a fairly predictable path.

Obviously with an eye to attempt to qualify for the 1970 World Cup finals, the majority of those chosen are on the right side of 25.

One of the "casualties" of this youth policy is Prague's stalwart wing half and inside forward, Les Scheinflug.

Scheinflug captained the Australian team which was eliminated from the 1966 World Cup by North Korea.

Paradoxically, he is currently playing some of the best football of his career, but, at 29, is apparently regarded as "too old."

Scheinflug this season has been the mainstay of a Prague team going through the throes of rebuilding, and it was mainly his inspiration that saw the side into the final of the knock-out series against Hakoah.

Again in the final at Wentworth Park he scored Prague's only goal, with characteristic flair from an indirect free kick, and, generally, was the most constructive forward on the field.

Afterwards, relaxing in the dressing room, Scheinflug said he was "disappointed, but not surprised" at his omission from the Australian squad.

"With the World Cup still a couple of years away, obviously the younger players likely to be still around then were the ones most likely to be selected," he said.

"On that score, I didn't really expect to be chosen.

"But there was also talk that the team going to Asia would be made up not only of promising youngsters, but also experienced men playing well, so I



LES SCHEINFLUG

wasn't altogether without hope.

"Still, that's football," Scheinflug said.

An examination of the ages of some squad members reveals that Scheinflug can count himself a little unlucky not to be making the trip.

At 29, he is only a year older than Pat Hughes, admittedly an almost automatic selection.

But Scheinflug's form this season — particularly late in the season — has been equally as good as that of Hughes.

Also among the preliminary squad is Dick Van Alphen, of Hakoah Melbourne.

And he's over 30 . . .

Newcastle goalie foiled Sydney XI

— By LOU GAUTIER —

A dismal shooting spell early in the second half, and some miraculous goalkeeping by Newcastle's Joe Lanzoni prevented a scratch Sydney team from beating their Northern counterparts last Monday.

A vocal, partisan crowd of 4,500 at Speers Point, Lake Macquarie, saw an atrocious shooting after Giles' penalty let them down.

Cush was the best Sydney player in the first half and must have clinched his berth in the Australian squad.

Newcastle had a brilliant player in young left winger Peter Pont, who is very unlucky to have been omitted from the national squad.

Their hero, however, was veteran keeper, Joe Lanzoni.

He saved the match for the Northerners with one of the finest displays seen in Newcastle for a long time.

The match whipped up tremendous enthusiasm in Newcastle, and more than ever must become an annual event, which Sydney teams must prepare in less haphazard fashion.

The way Monday's game was planned, from a Sydney angle, was a disgrace which should be looked into.

Newcastle: Lanzoni; Gallagher, Curran; Brady, Doolan, Lloyd; Morrow, Schneider (1), Whitmore (1), Adamson, Pont (2).

Sydney: Corry; Lincoln, Shepherd; Schaefer, Morgan, R. Cush (1), (McCullough); Campbell, J. Alagich, Westwater (1), Giles (2), Paterson.

They were goals better, far classier ball players, but Referee: R. Muir.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

AUSTRALIA CUP

APIA v. Juventus-Canberra — Wentworth Park, 1.15 p.m.

St. George v. Pan Hellenic — Wentworth Park, 3.00 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

AUSTRALIA CUP QUARTERFINALS

St. George or Pan Hellenic v. Latrobe or Newcastle Austral — Wentworth Park, 1.15 p.m.

APIA v. Croatia or Lake Macquarie — Wentworth Park, 3 p.m.

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